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Calling All Dogs! RB Dog Park Now Open

It was my pleasure to open a new off-leash dog park at the Rancho Bernardo Community Park on Saturday, July 30, 2005. This 2.5-acre dog park features three large pens, a pedestrian plaza, benches and water fountains. The project also included 28 new parking spaces, which were desperately needed for all park users.

After I took office in 2000, one of my goals was to provide additional park amenities for Rancho Bernardo residents. The dog park is the latest piece of this plan. In 2003, I secured funds for additional lighting on playing fields, which allowed for maximum use of the park. I also added a ball field. The new improvements make Rancho Bernardo Community Park one of the finest parks in the City.

Since taking office, one of my priorities has been to enhance our quality of life in Rancho Bernardo. I will continue to work hard to make our community a great place to live.



Councilmember Brian Maienschein cuts the ribbon on the Rancho Bernardo Dog Park. He was joined by (pictured from left to right): Ron Wilson of the RB Recreation Council; Ted Medina, director of the Park & Recreation Department; Robin Kaufman of the RB Community Planning Board; Ellen Oppenheim, former Park & Rec director; and Jacquie Nelson of the Friends of the RB Dog Park. Also joining Brian was his golden retriever, Jackson.

Maienschein Launches Scripps Ranch Community Fire Safe Alliance

I am so pleased to announce the formation of the Scripps Ranch Community Fire Safe Alliance, an organization that's primary goal is to help make Scripps Ranch a fire safe community. This group is chartered with the task of assisting Scripps Ranch residents with fire-related government resources to help keep homes safe from future wildfires. It will also assist in the development and implementation of a community Wildfire Protection Plan.

The Alliance is among the first of its kind in the state of California. It is a truly unique and groundbreaking organization designed to assist with prevention of future devastation from wildfires. The Alliance will assist the community in qualifying for fire prevention grants. In addition, it will serve as an organization for collaboration of civic groups in planning and implementing fire safe procedures within the community.

The kick-off event for this new organization was held on Friday, July 22, 2005, on Pinecastle Street in Scripps Ranch. This street was among the hardest hit by the Cedar Fire, which destroyed 312 homes in Scripps Ranch on October 26, 2003.

Key representatives from local, state and federal agencies joined me in signing the Alliance's charter. The signatories included the leaders of several community groups, including the Scripps Ranch Civic Association, Miramar Ranch North Planning Committee and the Scripps Ranch Planning Group.



Councilmember Maienschein and other signatories of the Scripps Ranch Community Fire Safe Alliance gather for a picture following the signing of the organization's charter on July 22, 2005.

Funds Allocated for Pedestrian Bridge in CMR

Students at Shoal Creek Elementary are one step closer to having a safe path to walk to school. The federal government has allocated \$1.2 million for construction of a pedestrian bridge leading to the campus on Ted Williams Parkway in Carmel Mountain Ranch.

The significant contribution was included in a \$286.4 billion transportation bill approved by Congress in July. This was very good news for our community! Parents and school officials have expressed concern for years about the safety of students crossing the busy Parkway to get to the school.

The total project cost is between \$2.3 million and \$4 million. My office secured \$25,000 to fund a feasibility study and preliminary designs. The allocation of the federal funds makes the project eligible for matching funds from state and local agencies.

I would like to thank members of the Shoal Creek Elementary Pedestrian Safety Committee for their work on this important issue. Despite many obstacles, the members have remained committed to finding funds for this project. Congratulations!

Maienschein Announces Progress Made at Mira Mesa Parks

I'm proud to announce that we reached several milestones for park projects in Mira Mesa this year.

We recently celebrated the re-opening of Mesa Viking Park, where new playground equipment was installed for kids of all age groups and walkways were rebuilt and re-graded to accommodate disabled access and improve safety.

Construction for Breen Park, along Polaris Drive, is nearly completed and we will celebrate the ribbon cutting by the end of October. We also recently celebrated the groundbreaking at Camino Ruiz Park.

Lots of great things are happening in Mira Mesa!



Councilmember Maienschein was joined by community members and staff to celebrate the re-opening of Mesa Viking Park.



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